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8                           UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

9                    FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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11   STACIA LANGLEY, et al.,                    No. 2:20-cv-00635-DJC-KJN

12                    Plaintiffs,
                v.
13                                              ORDER SUBSTITUTING GUARDIAN AD
     GUIDING HANDS SCHOOL, Inc., et             LITEM
14   al.,

15                    Defendants.

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17        Plaintiff S.D., a minor, moves this Court for the substitution of Jeremy Sundby as

18   *guardian ad litem* in place of his current *guardian ad litem* Adrienne Kyle, who is no

19   longer able to serve.  (Mot. (ECF No. 283) at 1-2.)  This Motion is unopposed.

20        In assessing the propriety of a proposed guardian ad litem, courts typically

21   consider the candidate's "experience, objectivity, and expertise" or previous

22   relationship with the minor.  *See AT&T Mobility, LLC v. Yeager*, 143 F. Supp. 3d 1042,

23   1053 (E.D. Cal. 2015).  Here, Sundby attests that he is a long-term friend of Plaintiff

24   S.D.'s family who is fully competent to understand and protect the rights of Plaintiff

25   S.D.  (Aff. (ECF No. 285) at 2.)  Specifically, Sundby states he was Plaintiff S.D.'s

26   neighbor for many years and personally interacted with Plaintiff S.D. regularly until

27   Plaintiff S.D.'s family moved from California to Pennsylvania but continues to maintain

28   contact with Plaintiff S.D. on a regular basis.  (*Id.*)  Further, Sundby states he is

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1  currently employed as a resident psychologist in Sacramento, has no interests adverse

2  to those of Plaintiff S.D., and is willing to serve in lieu of Kyle.  (*Id.*)  The Court is

3  satisfied that Sundby will be competent, willing, and dedicated *guardian ad litem* for

4  Plaintiff S.D.

5         For the reasons set forth above, the Court hereby ORDERS that Jeremy Sundby

6  is appointed *guardian ad litem* for Plaintiff S.D. in the above-entitled action and

7  authorizes him to prosecute this action to resolution.

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10         IT IS SO ORDERED.

11  Dated:   **August 11, 2023**

             Hon. Daniel J. Calabretta

12               UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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